

RFI-VAMC Fayetteville, Ar 564-17-102 Gazebo and Walking Trail

Responses

07/27/2017

1. For the lighting identified in drawing notes 2 & 3, what lights are required if the existing can't be matched. Additionally, what voltage and type of lights are required (flourescent, LED, etc)?
Review Drawing CD100 Details, Lighting Schedule.
2. What are the specs of the fan identified in drawing note 6? **Review Drawing CD100 Details, Lighting Schedule.**
3. Do the emergency phones need to be voip or analog and do they need to match existing phones on campus? **Analog**
4. Where is the water service coming from and does it need to be bored under the sidewalk or remove and replace a section of sidewalk? **Review Drawing CP100, Plumbing Plan.**
5. Where is the hose bib to be located? Since the structure won't be heated, it will be hard to keep a hose bib from freezing in the winter. Could substitute a frost free hydrant next to it. For location refer to drawing CI100 note 8 location on site plan. Refer to Spec Section 22 40 00 part 2.25 paragraph E.
6. On the gazebo, do you want composite material for the trim detail, cupola and railings? **Yes**
7. Note 13 on gazebo plan calls for composite wood or stone columns to match existing. Which is it, composite or stone? **The COR shall not allow wood columns. The COR shall allow fiberglass, Polystone, Precast concrete, synthetic marble, etc.**
8. Is there a preference for the soffit material or is the intent for the rafters and roof decking to be visible? **No soffits are to installed on the Gazebo. The contractor shall use 1" decking with ¾" nails so that no nail points penetrate the backside of the decking.**
9. SOW section 4(a) states "all fasteners to be stainless steel". Is this just for structural fasteners and anchoring? **Copper fastners when specified by product manufaturers. All other fastners shall be stainless steel.**
10. Will a site be provided for storage of top soil and gravel during construction? **Yes, the station will allow gravel and soil storage by the current contractor storage containers. COR shall finalize all locations.**
11. Is there an area available for wash out of Redimix? **Yes, the station will provide an area for a concrete wash-out by the current contractor storage containers-COR shall approve final location. Wash-out shall be removed weekly or as needed.**
12. What is the requirement for expansion joints on the hiking trail? **Review drawing CD100 D-2**
13. Are sleeves required under the sidewalk? **Yes, 2" or larger. Review spec section 26 05 41.**

14. What are the elevations for the sidewalk? Top of gazebo slab shall match top existing walkways. Reference Specifications for 4% max running slope and 2% cross slope for Gazebo and connecting walkways. The walking trail shall allow a 5% max grade. Max slopes may only be increased with COR approval.
15. What type and size of wire is required for sidewalk and gazebo slab? Welded wire reinforcement is not required for the walking trail and walkway. The footing and slab for the gazebo shall be designed by the GC's Engineer and submitted for COR approval per SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings."
16. What compaction is required for gravel? Under the gazebo, 98% of standard Proctor. Under walking trail 95% of standard Proctor; refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings."
17. What kind and grade of gravel is required? Class 7 AHTD, refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings."
18. What is the gazebo footing WxD? Refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings." For design purposes use a maximum net allowable bearing pressure of 2500 psf.
19. What rebar size for the gazebo slab? TBD refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings."
20. What is the elevation of the gazebo slab? Finish floor elevation TBD in the field to minimize adjoining sidewalk slopes. For bidding purposes assume existing ground level at Gazebo location to be finished floor elevations.
21. Does the gazebo require ramps or steps? Refer to RFI questions and response to #14 and #20.
22. What is the size and depth of concrete for the light poles and call boxes? Refer to spec section 28 26 00 and install per manufacturers recommendations.
23. What is the bolt pattern for the light poles? Refer to the lighting schedule and Install per manufacturers recommendation.
24. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required? Review section 5 in the SOW and Spec 01 35 26 Safety Requirements.
25. Where will the laydown and designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site? Yes, the station will allow limited laydown by the current contractor storage containers. The Contractor may also use the area directly adjacent to the gazebo. All approved laydown areas shall be approved by the COR and abide by applicable codes and regulations and contract specifications. There is limited designated parking for contractors on a first come first serve basis.
26. Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with? What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions? All utilities shall be coordinated by the COR. Fire suppression is not applicable (N/A) to this project.

27. Does the Government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms? **No, the station does not currently have a dedicated 3rd party testing. The GC shall submit a 3rd party testing firm for COR approval.**

28. Who is responsible for the utility locations? **The Contractor shall be responsible for locating all utilities. The station shall provide a site plan upon request. Site plan may not be up-to-date.**

29. It was said at the site visit that the Due date for proposals would be extended. Please give the new date and time.

The new extended proposal due date is: August 10, 2017 at 2:00PM (cst)

30. It was stated at the site visit that you would like to have a hardcopy and electronic copy of the proposal. Please clarify.

The solicitation states that an electronic copy on CD and hardcopy is to be delivered to the Contracting Officer no later than 2:00 pm August 10, 2017.

31. Will the RFI date change from 2:00 pm on July 14th.

No-The RFI date did not change

31. Please clarify that a bid bond guarantee is not required even if the bid goes over 150K.

Not required unless bid exceeds \$150K

32. Please explain what is you want when you say to construct gazebo shall be constructed to be historical to the original 1934 building. Is this just the color? **Archtectual features and proportions equivilant to and shall match buildings 5, 6, and 7. Materials will shall not be historical.**

33. Please give details on the columns. **Refer to RFI question and response #33. COR shall have final approval.**

34. Pg.5 of 71 in the statement of work. First paragraph it says gazebo shall be used for patient therapy and rehabilitation and shall be designed for the VHSO patients and incorporate all VHA design guides for accessibility. At the walk through it was stated that the side walks to the gazebo do not have to be ADA approved. How will this follow VHA design guideline? **The walkways adjoining the gazebo shall follow the VA Barrior Free Design Standards as an accessable route. Refer to RFI question and answer #14.**

35. Can you share what you are expecting for accessibility for sight impaired patients. **N/A**

36. Please explain what you will require on the phasing control plan with the clay tile being out 12-15 weeks led time after. **Refer to RFI's questions and responses #38 and #39.**

37. approval of submittal for the clay tile. Is the requirement on this for the Steel framing and the concrete work? Are you just wanting a schedule or a phasing plan? **Clarify and resubmit question. Contractor shall supply a full schedule per 01 32 16.15 to be approved by COR.**

38. Would it be possible to extend the Period of Performance to 240 days because of the steel and clay tile? **The requirement for clay roof tile has been removed. Contractor shall specify DaVinci Roof Scapes, Bellaforté Slate or equal composite roof tiles. The contract may be extended at the discretion of the CO only.**
39. Can a Superintendent do any work on this project or do they just do over site. **Refer to spec section 01 35 26 and FAR 52.236-6.**
40. Please share how many new lights will be on the walking trail. We see three only. Is this correct? **Review Drawings CS101, walking trail phase 1 and CS102, walking trail phase 2 for exterior lighting and locations.**
41. Will the lights be the same as the Gazebo light exterior lights? **Refer to the lighting schedule on the drawing CD100, details.**
42. Is the light the same light pole and lights out side of building 5? **Refer to the lighting schedule on the drawing CD100, details. Lighting shall be similar to existing and submitted for review and approval by COR.**
43. On Pg. 7 Of 71 in the SOW it calls for phase 1 and 2 of the walking trail. We don't see where there is a distinction on the plan that show a phase 1 and 2. Can you define this and explain the two phases with time periods. **Review sheets CS101 and CS102.**
44. Will you require testing of the concrete on the walking trail? gazebo slab? **Yes, Refer to spec section 03 30 00.**
45. The drawings show that #15 calls out for engineered concrete slab foundation. Will this not be a pour in place slab? **Note #15 refers to an engineered cast-in-place slab; not precast. Refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings."**
46. Please provide foundations details showing grade beams and reinforcements as well as any gravel or moisture layer. Same details are required for walking trail. **Per the SOW Refer to the SOW section 4 paragraph j "Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and producing engineered structural drawings." For the walking trail and walkway details refer to drawing CD100, details, D-2.**
47. Please give the measurements of the landings on the north and south side. **Approximately 8'-0" deep. The curve radius is 10'-4".**
48. Will the Gazebo need to be an engineered structure? **Refer to RFI questions and responses 15, 16, 18, and 19.**
49. On the clay tiles will you require ridge cap on the 8 ridges or cane field tile be used? **Refer to RFI Question and response #39. Ridge caps shall be required.**
50. On the cupola # 10 on drawings it does not give details on the vents or if this is also to have clay tiles on top of it. Please give details as if vents are to be made of copper or composite wood. **The**

cupola shall have a copper 16oz roof installed per the manufacturers recommendations. Refer to question 52.

51. Is the cupola to be made from composite wood or a wood structure covered with copper.
Composite Materials.
52. Please give detail on the top of the gazebo where it shows a curved area. There is no detail as to what you want. Could this be squared off and dental mold be used to match closer to the buildings in the area? Please give detail. **Final design shall be approve by COR.**
53. Will a safety officer be required for this project? **Refer to spec section 01 35 26 Safety Requirements.**
54. Will all submittals have to be approved before work can commence on this project. **Submittals are due no later than 30 days after notice to proceed. Work may commence w/ products that have approved submittals from the COR.**
55. Contractor is to hire the surveyor to do the survey of the walking trail. Will the VA provide CADD drawings of the plat where the walking trails go to the contractor and the survey team? **CADD base files shall be provided when requested.**
56. Solicitation says that the sidewalks grade shall not exceed 4% grade unless approved by COR. Please explain. **The contract allows for 4% max running slope and 2% cross slope.**
57. Does this grade also apply to the walking trails? **No, the walking trail shall allow for a 5% max grade.**
58. On pg. 7 of 71 it calls out for thermoplastic crosswalk with connecting curbs access ramps at each end. Also, calls out to have truncated dome tactile warning. Is this going to be at roadways only and not at all intersections of sidewalks? **Install curb and access ramps and truncated dome tactile warning strips at the road crossings only. Shown on drawings CS101 and CS102. There shall be no requirements for curb and access ramps and truncated dome tactile warning strips at sidewalk crossings.**
59. It states on pg 7of 71 that is the contractor's responsibility to obtain exact location of utilities. I understand at the site visit that we are to call (call One) to locate what they can and then the VA will locate the additional utilities for the contractor. Is this correct? **Refer to RFI question and response #28.**
60. Please show specs of outside lighting that you want on the Gazebo. **Refer to sheet CD100, Details, Lighting Schedule.**
61. How many lights on the outside of the Gazebo? **Refer to Sheet CI100 location labels #2 and #3**
62. How many data tie-in are you requiring? **2 each per phone and camera. 1 of 2 shall be spare.**
63. How many call boxes and how many security cameras on the walking trails and Gazebo is required? **Refer to 7/25/2017 dated drawings CI100, Gazebo Plan dated, Drawing CS 101, Phase 1 Walking Trail, and CS102, Phase 2 Walking Trail for call box count and locations.**

64. Will a design plan be required for the landscaping? It was said in the site visit that you would not require this. please explain what you will require. **GC shall submit a shop drawing for COR approval.**
65. Is this project a Design / Build or should the G.C. price out the Gazebo as in the drawings released? Please confirm. **There are elements of this project that shall be engineered by the GC's engineer and submitted for approval.**
66. On pg. 8 of 71 it calls for a disconnect box shall be located on the exterior of Building and contain six separate circuits. Will the building allow for six additional circuits? Or will this overload the power source? **Connect to the panel box located in the garage of building 5. Contractor to provide Square "D" bolt-on 60 amp two pole breaker.**
67. On page 8 of 71 it says to provide a large outdoor rated fan. What size of fan is considered large? the span of this area is 40Ft. **Review 7/25/2017 dated drawing CD100, Details, Lighting Schedule.**
68. On page 8 of 71 it calls out for engineered structural drawings. Will this require a stamp drawings. **The Gazebo design shall require a state registered professional civil or structural engineer's stamp or a professional licensed AIA registered architect.**
69. Will TB testing be required for the contractor or any of their subs? **No**
70. It says on page 10 of 71 (H) that the contractor must have a 2 hr. emergency response time. Please clarify. **The SOW is self explanatory.**
71. will any permits be required on this project? **yes**
72. Will any French drains be required? **No**
73. Will any guttering or down spouts be required? None is showing on the drawings. **No**
74. Please give the distance from sidewalk in front of building 5 to the gazebo. This is needed for the sidewalk and the six runs of electrical. **shall require number 10 copper conductor. 6 circuits total one 208v for the fan and five 120V circuits. GC shall field verify all distances.**
75. Can the Superintendent be the QC person be the same person? **Refer to RFI questions and responses 55 and 54.**
76. What will be required for soil erosion for this project? **Refer to spec 31 25 10 Erosion Control.**
77. Where there be a place to store dirt while the project is being completed? Does the VA want the left over top soil? **Yes, the station shall keep the excavated soil. On site storage location shall be coordinated with the COR.**
78. Will the VA require an arborist when digging next to trees? **No, GC shall not excavate with-in drip line of trees. If excavation occurs with-in drip lines of tree the GC shall proceed only with COR approval.**
79. Will this project be tax except? Will you provide a tax except certificate?

This project is not tax exempt to contractors and the government does not pay sales tax

80. Solicitation says that this project is a negotiated project. Will it be lowest price technical except able?

As stated in the solicitation: Instructions to Offerors: 1.3 The government intends to use the Best Value Past Performance/Price Tradeoff process source selection approach according with FAR 15.101-1. Awards shall be made to the most responsive, responsible offerors whose offers, in accordance with this solicitation, results in the overall best value to the Government, price plus other factors considers.

81. The Site Plan is not to scale and the SOW says that the final location of the trail will be determined by the COR... Can you give quantity or length of the trail? GC shall field verify.

82. There is no grading plan. The SOW indicates that it is to have a maximum 4% slope. Can we give unit prices for excavation and fill? Or could the COR determine a CY allowance? Or maybe the trail could be staked prior to bidding so that we could go on site and decide on Cut/Fill quantities? No, access to site shall be permitted prior to bid, however the trail shall not be staked prior to bid day.

83. There are no notes on the site plan. There are several numbered indicators referencing notes, but no notes to be found? Review 7/25/2017 dated drawings CS101, Phase 1 Walking Trail and CS102, Phase 2 Walking Trail.

84. Will the site visit sign in sheet be released? Yes

85. Will payment and performance bonds be required if project exceeds 150k? yes

86. What is the depth expected for the waterline to the gazebo? Below the frost line.

87. Will there be a freeze box on the waterline going to the gazebo? No.

88. Will you please provide linear footage of the walking trail? No, contractor shall field verify.

89. Where are the call boxes to be located? Refer to RFI question and response 64.